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SUBJECT: MEETING BETWEEN NOVA SCOTIA AND ALBERTA PREMIERS

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1. NOVA SCOTIA'S LIBERAL PREMIER GERALD REGAN
TOLD PRESS ON APRIL 21 THAT HE HAD HELD A
MEETING LAST WEEKEND WITH PREMIER LOUGHEED OF
ALBERTA TO DISCUSS NOVA SCOTIA'S EFFORTS TO GAIN

A SPECIAL FEDERAL SUBSIDY TO COMBAT HIGH
POWER COSTS.

2. PREMIER REGAN SAID HE WAS VERY PLEASED WITH
THE LENGTHY DISCUSSIONS. QUOTE I DID NOT ASK
PREMIER LOUGHEED FOR SPECIFIC SUPPORT, BUT IF WE
ARE TO SUCCEED IT IS IMPORTANT THAT A NUMBER OF
PROVINCES HAVE A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF THE NATURE OF
OUR PROBLEM UNQUOTE. PREMIER REGAN DESCRIBED TO
LOUGHEED THE POSITION NOVA SCOTIA WILL TAKE AT THE
FIRST MINISTERS MEETINGS IN EARLY MAY.

3. MEETING WITH LOUGHEED PART OF PREMIER REGAN'S
VIGOROUS CAMPAIGN TO LINE UP AS MUCH SUPPORT AS
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POSSIBLE FROM OTHER PREMIERS PRIOR TO CONFRONTATION

WITH FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AT MAY MEETING. NOVA SCOTIA
AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND ALREADY IN AGREEMENT
ABOUT NEED TO SEEK SPECIAL SUBSIDY AND NEW BRUNSWICK S
PREMIER RICHARD HATFIELD, WHOSE PROVINCE NOT NEARLY
SO DEPENDENT ON OIL FOR ELECTRICITY GENERATION, HAS
ALSO ENDORSED THE POSITION OF THE OTHER TWO MARITIME
PROVINCES. PREMIER REGAN TOLD PRESS HE HAS ALSO
DISCUSSED MATTER WITH NEWFOUNDLAND S PREMIER MOORES
BY TELEPHONE.
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